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Accordingly, in the previous office action, the only applied reference was JPA 3-86968. Quite clearly, JPA 3-86968 fails to teach or suggest a self-compensating dynamic balancer comprising a mobile unit that includes at least one rigid body. Rather, JPA 3-86968 discloses a balance correcting mechanism which utilizes a fluid 10 for balance correction of a spindle part 20. Similarly, note JPA 2-139758 (which was previously submitted in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on October 28, 2004) utilizes a liquid 7 in a tank 6 to obtain a stable rotation of an information recording medium.

For the foregoing reasons, independent claim 155 patentably distinguishes over the previously applied JPA 3-86968, as well as JPA 2-139758 which appears to relate to a similar fluid based technology.

Dependent claims 156-176 are patentable for the reasons noted above with respect to independent claim 155 as well as for the additional recitations set forth therein.

Accordingly, the present response is believed to be fully responsive to the previous office action and reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

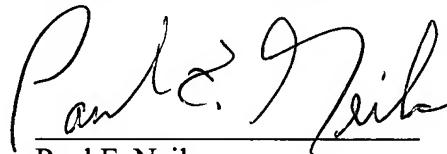
Applicants are submitting concurrently herewith an Information Disclosure Statement which cites references from the corresponding Chinese application. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider these references, as well as the references that were previously improperly not considered by Examiner Letscher. As pointed out in the Amendment filed July 15, 2005, the undersigned called Examiner Letscher and pointed out to him that copies of all the references were in fact filed in the immediate parent application so that all references should have been considered by the Examiner.

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In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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